

Standing for “Realizing Educational Achievement Can Happen,” this needs-based mentorship and college scholarship program provides opportunity for academically-promising students from their eighth grade year through high school. In addition to remaining in high academic standing, students are required to meet with a mentor and maintain good attendance. Upon graduation from high school and successful completion of the program, the student is awarded a \$10,000 scholarship toward the cost of any HOPE-eligible institution in Georgia.

These REACH Georgia scholars are our future. Georgia has made a commitment to awarding those in need who demonstrate a high level of merit—an investment that will increase our workforce and grow our economy. I am proud that we take these steps to ensure a brighter future for our children, our state, and our Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I expect great things from each of these special young scholars, and on behalf of Georgia’s 10th Congressional District, I offer them my congratulations and wish them continued success.

RECOGNIZING PAUL SCOTT AS THE KENT EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2018

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Paul Scott. He has been recognized as the 2017 employee of the year by the City of Kent, for his hard work and dedicated commitment to go above and beyond what is asked of him.

Selected from a pool of over 600 people, Mr. Scott is the Public Works Accounting Manager for the City of Kent where he oversees the city’s financial policies, labor agreements, accounting, and reporting systems. Mr. Scott has been a dedicated employee for over 25 years.

In the City of Kent, the Employee of the Year award is entirely peer nominated and peer selected, which speaks to the level of respect Mr. Scott has fostered in the community. The amount of support Mr. Scott’s peers have shown for him highlights the remarkable work he does. He can be regarded as an important example of what a devoted employee looks like, and his achievement serves to motivate civil servants all over the community.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I recognize Mr. Paul Scott for his years of dedicated work for the City of Kent, and congratulate him on his well-deserved award.

CELEBRATING TAIWAN’S 107TH NATIONAL DAY

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2018

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, October 10, or Double Ten Day, marks Taiwan’s 107th National Day. From our shared values of freedom and respect for human rights to our

strong economic relationship, Taiwan is a natural and important partner for the United States, and I would like to take this opportunity to wish the people of Taiwan a very Happy Double Ten Day.

Over the years, through its commitment to democracy, its contributions to global health initiatives, international development, and humanitarian missions, Taiwan has proven its leadership on the global stage. Taiwan has delivered critical aid and supplies in times of need to places such as Haiti, the Philippines, West Africa, Japan, and even in our very own Texas, after hurricane Harvey. Taiwan has also contributed to important non-humanitarian missions, including significant efforts as part of the Global Coalition to Defeat ISIS.

Taiwan’s leadership and humanitarian commitment is even more impressive considering the increasing degree of coercion and intimidation emanating from Beijing. China’s efforts to block Taiwan from international organizations are depriving the world of Taiwan’s knowledge and expertise, causing unnecessarily dangerous situations in everything from global health to international commercial flight. With the support of the United States and other like-minded partners, I know that efforts to deny Taiwan appropriate recognition and participation in international organizations will ultimately be overcome.

Taiwan is a beacon of freedom, serving as an inspiration for the oppressed, a model for future democratic transitions, and an anchor of security in the Pacific. It is crucial that the U.S. provides the kind of assistance—politically, militarily, and economically—that will allow Taiwan to resist Beijing’s increasing coercion. Throughout my Congressional career, I have worked to strengthen the U.S.-Taiwan relationship and to ensure that we do not lose focus on Taiwan’s importance. I am honored to be a friend and strong supporter of Taiwan and its people.

As Taiwanese all around the world celebrate Taiwan’s National Day, the United States stands with Taiwan, ready to ensure our partnership is stronger than ever. With appreciation for and commitment to our important relationship, I again offer my best Double Ten Day wishes to the people of Taiwan.

MILLER OUTDOOR THEATRE: 95 YEARS AND COUNTING

HON. TED POE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2018

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the Miller Outdoor Theatre is celebrating 95 years in Herman Park. The Miller Outdoor Theatre got its start in 1923, and continues to be one of Houston’s most treasured venues. Located right in the heart of the City of Houston, it provides folks a place to enjoy the performing arts. And it is always free.

Miller is a unique treasure to Houstonians and it is dedicated to bringing the arts alive for audiences for over 95 years: classical music, jazz, ethnic music and dance, ballet, Shakespeare, musical theatre, popular concert artists, films and more.

The theatre has boasted the Summer Symphony Series, Shakespeare Festival, Theatre Under the Stars “Bells are Ringing”, and even

presidential candidate Richard Nixon campaigned on stage.

The original theatre was an open amphitheater surrounded by twenty Corinthian-style limestone columns built on land that was given and sold by the Miller estate. Cotton broker and mining engineer, Jesse Wright Miller, originally left the land to the City in 1919. Mayor Oscar Holcombe and his council members should be commended for their vision towards this project.

In the 1960s, the City of Houston built a new theatre that consisted of three triangular plates of Corten steel and an air condition to cool the stage. Did I mention it is hot in Texas! The original 1920s columns were moved to the Mecom-Rockwell Colonnade Fountain between Fannin and San Jacinto at Hermann Drive.

The Miller received another face lift in the late 1990s. A 6 million dollar expansion and renovation planned and funded by the City of Houston and Friends of Hermann Park. A new roof, additional restrooms and office areas were added. They built a small stage at the east end of the facility. The refurbished theatre reopened in 1998.

The Miller’s newest upgrades and additions occurred through the 2000s. New seating, lighting, and landscaping greatly enhance the educational and outreach capacities of the theatre. The Miller can accommodate about 6,200 spectators, with over 1,705 seats and over 4,500 on the grassy hill.

While so much has grown and changed over the years, I still remember my children visiting the Miller Outdoor Theatre on school field trips. It was very popular with the Poe kids. The day always included a musical production or play, a picnic lunch, and a roll down Miller’s “hill”. By the way, Miller’s “hill” was created with dirt from Fannin Street excavations. In 2008, the iconic hill was reggraded and raised.

There is a plaque that was erected at the theatre’s dedication that read: “To the Arts of Music, Poetry, Drama and Oratory, by which the striving spirit of man seeks to interpret the words of God. This theatre of the City of Houston is permanently dedicated.” These words still ring true today.

Through its mission statement and commitment to the arts in Houston, the Miller Outdoor Theatre has proven to be a pillar to the citizens of Houston. I congratulate them on their 95th season and commend them for continuing to contribute to Houston’s vibrant arts community.

And that’s just the way it is.

IN RECOGNITION OF EFFIE RUTH WEBB MCQUEEN AND THE DEN- TON GOSPELAIRES

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, October 5, 2018

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Effie Ruth Webb McQueen of Denton, Texas and honor her for founding the Denton Gospelairens fifty years ago. In 1968, Sister McQueen, along with eight members, organized the Christian singing group that still performs to this day.

The Denton Gospelairens was the first gospel quartet to be organized in the City of Denton.